

FAIR OF THE FAIR

A Significant Vote in the House on Two of the Senate Propositions.

BIG VOTE BROUGHT OUT, And the Friends of the Project Look Upon the Result With Favor.

A CONFERENCE TO SETTLE IT ALL, When It Is Thought Chicago's Present Park Sky Will Be Cleared.

DETAILS OF THE WORK OF THE DAY

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The interest in the House today had its center in the World's Fair amendments to the sundry civil appropriation bill. Toward them all breezes blew. The amendment appropriating \$5,000,000 in aid of the Exposition was non-concurred in, the enemies of the proposition having a majority of 12. There was a great deal of interest, but not much excitement manifested in the vote, which was closer than the conservative friends of the appropriation looked for, and which surprised its antagonists by not being as large as expected. The Sunday closing amendment was concurred in by a decisive majority, and the bill was sent to conference. The justification conference report was agreed to and some routine business was transacted.

After some Republican filibustering at the opening of the House session to prevent an agreement on a resolution of the Rules Committee providing for an investigation of the methods of John I. Davenport, Federal Supervisor of Elections in New York City, resolution was adopted to refer the matter to the committee on the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Holman Couldn't Postpone a Vote. It had been agreed that the vote on the World's Fair amendment should be taken at noon, and as the hands of the clock showed that but four minutes remained for debate Mr. Holman, of Indiana, asked that the time for discussion should be extended another hour. Mr. Lester, of Georgia, objected, and after Mr. Holman had consumed the four minutes in advocating a non-concurrence in the Senate amendments the Chairman stated that the hour for a vote had expired.

The Chairman then ruled that no amendments could be offered after 12 o'clock, and the various amendments were taken up in order, and the first one—a verbal amendment—was concurred in.

Mr. Hopkins, of Illinois, moved that the committee concur in the Senate amendment increasing from \$316,000 to \$500,000 the appropriation for the Government exhibit. The amendment was concurred in.

The question then recurred on Mr. Durbin's motion to concur in the Senate \$500,000 amendment, and it was lost—31 to 123. The amendment was therefore non-concurred in.

Mr. Lynch, of Wisconsin, called up an amendment requiring the expenditure of \$100,000 in procuring an exhibit showing the progress of the World's Fair. The amendment was concurred in.

Some Amendments Concerned. The Senate amendment appropriating \$103,000 to secure 50,000 bronze medals and 50,000 metal impressions was concurred in.

Mr. Taylor, of Illinois, moved to amend the Sunday closing clause by stopping the machinery and necessary labor on Sunday, and by providing that a hall shall be procured for the holding of religious services on Sundays in the Fair grounds. This was defeated, the vote being 72 to 172.

Mr. O'Neill, of Missouri, made a strenuous effort to add to the bill, as a new section, the following:

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The O'Neill Amendment Agreed To. Mr. O'Neill then offered it as an amendment to the clause appropriating for the capital police. His purpose was mainly to prevent the employment of Pinkertons in the District of Columbia during the Grand Army Encampment, as well as the World's Fair. After half an hour consumed in securing a quorum, the amendment was agreed to—146 to 22.

The committee then rose and reported the bill to the House. The recommendation of the committee was agreed to with the exception of those amendments pertaining to Pinkertons, Geological Survey, and to the World's Fair.

Mr. Oates also demanded a separate vote on Mr. O'Neill's amendment relating to the Pinkertons. All the lightheous amendments were non-concurred in.

The question then recurred on Mr. O'Neill's Pinkerton amendment, and on this the yeas and nays were ordered. The motion in the hall was so great, and the insistence on business so general, that the amendment had to be read four times, and the Speaker had to answer half a dozen parliamentary inquiries before the clerk could begin to call the roll. The lack of attention irritated the clerk to proceed—an action which called the first name, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Breckenridge, of Arkansas, rose to parliamentary inquiries, he peremptorily refused to recognize them, and ordered the clerk to proceed—an action which called forth a sotto voce indorsement from Mr. Reed, of Maine: "Yrannical, but right."

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SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH. LONG BRANCH, N. J., July 10.—The 200 guests of the Atlantic Hotel, on Ocean avenue, were startled from their slumbers at 3:30 o'clock this morning by the terrible cry of fire. The cry came from the north wing of the house, and almost immediately flames burst out of the windows and from the roof of the wing, while the rest of the house rapidly filled with smoke.

Shortly after the first cry another alarm was sounded from the west wing. This alarm was in a woman's voice, and her shrill tones aroused the entire house. The doors of rooms in the main building and the wings were thrown open, and women and children in all stages of undress dashed out into the corridors, yelling, screaming and waving their hands frantically in the air.

There was only a little smoke in the main building at this time, but the flames were rapidly consuming the north wing, which is occupied by the servants, and the corridors, along which the guests' rooms are ranged, were gradually becoming filled with the excited people could scarcely see three feet away.

Cottagers Take Care of the Guests. There were but few men in the house. The women were unmanageable and ran wildly through the hall, some with children in their arms, and others dragging little ones along behind them. Symptomatic cottagers took most of the guests in, but some in their excitement dashed back into the hotel, looking for jewelry and money left in their rooms.

During all this time no alarm had been sent out, and the fire was gaining headway so rapidly that it promised soon to consume the entire building. The first outsider to discover the hotel was on the second floor, where the proprietor of the Shelburne house, which is on Ocean avenue, nearly a mile away from the Atlantic. He at once sounded an alarm. The first engine to reach the scene was the one from the National company. They could do nothing with the flames at first, but when reinforcements arrived the fire was soon gotten under control.

During this time, however, the most terrible scenes were being enacted within the house. Only half the guests had gotten out in the first place, and most of these had returned hoping to save some of their valuables. When they returned to their rooms, however, they found them occupied by men who were helping themselves to everything they could lay their hands on.

Disgraceful Scenes at the Fire. Women and children were knocked